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STIMULUS TO FARMING IN COLFAX COUNTY

Colonization of Valdez Tract an Important Step Towards Agricultural Develop- ment in that Section

The Range some weeks ago made exclusive mention of the transfer of the immense Valdez tract of land, near Springer, to a colony of Pennsylvania and Ohio Dunkards, who were in a position and would immediately put five thousand acres of the tract under cultivation. The deal has now been finally closed, and the plans for the next season's work outlined, and we reproduce the following from the Springer Stockman as the latest news on the subject. The entire county will reap the benefit of this improvement, which marks the beginning of agricultural development in the southern part of the county.

For several months The Stockman has known of a large deal pending for 22,000 acres of the finest agricultural and grazing land in this country, known as the Valdez tract, directly west of this city, but for reasons has not mentioned it.

This week the deal has been closed whereby a number of Ohio and Pennsylvania capitalists, represented by H. M. Mikesell, purchased a portion of the Valdez tract of land.

The tract sold by Emilio Valdez and Mrs. Narciso Valdez was purchased by them from Charles Springer, who bought it from the Maxwell Land Grant company. It lies immediately south and adjoining the original Antonio Jose Valdez tract, and comprising about 18,000 acres. There was also sold one-half of the west half of the original Antonio Jose Valdez tract owned by the Valdez family since 1870 up to the present time, lying on the Rayado river and comprising about 4,000 acres, comprising in all nearly 22,000 acres.

The east half of the original Antonio Jose Valdez tract is yet owned as follows: One-eighth by E. Valdez, one-eighth by J. M. Valdez, one-eighth by Mrs. J. I. Valdez, three-eighths by Chas. Springer, one-eighth by Manuel Valdez and heirs, and one-eighth by Mrs. J. H. Clouthier. Of the west half there remains unsold one-eighth owned by J. H. Clouthier, one-eighth by J. M. Valdez, and one-eighth by Manuel Valdez.

The entire consideration is between \$55,000 and \$60,000.

Of this 22,000 acres something between 8,000 and 9,000 acres can be farmed under irrigation. The balance is the finest of hay and pasture lands. The farming land is to be divided

ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING TERRITORIAL GAME LAWS

On Monday a man giving his name as Geo. Anderson, was arrested by Sheriff Littrell on a charge of violating the territorial game laws.

Early Monday, Anderson appeared at the New Mexico Taxidermy Co.'s shop, in his shirt sleeves. Under his vest, he had concealed a Chinese pheasant, one of the most beautiful birds ever seen in this country, and a variety which is exceedingly rare, only a few being imported for culture here. Anderson offered to sell the bird for ten dollars. F. W. Fritz, the taxidermist in charge, immediately reported the matter to Sheriff Littrell, who arrested Anderson.

SHIPPED ICE.

The Dawson ice houses have been filled with ice cut at the Park and shipped via the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific company. This is a significant step in the right direction and makes an enlargement of the ice industry in this part of the territory.

Do not forget the dance on February 23 d.

Governor Vetoes Appropriation Bill

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 8.—Governor Hagerman in a message to the house this morning vetoed the house joint resolution No. 4, containing the pay roll and contingent expense appropriation, amounting to about \$6,000.

The governor stated that he vetoed the measure because he believed that the moneys for the pay of employees should be drawn by the territorial secretary on warrants from the auditor, and not by the president of the council and the speaker of the house.

He said he did not intend to reflect on any member of the assembly in the remotest. The governor quoted the law on the subject and asked the house to act accordingly.

Want Lumbermen

Green Bay, Wis., Feb. 8.—So great is the scarcity in the northern part of this state that a number of lumber camps have been abandoned. Over 2,000 men are required and the situation is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the pay runs to \$40 a month and found.

Range Getting Scarce

Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 7.—Since the prospects begin to look gloomy for the passage of the free grazing bill now before congress, and they know that the wire fences on government land will have to come down by April 1st, a large number of cowmen of Eddy county are talking of selling out here entirely and going further west.

BABY BURIED UNDER SNOWSLIDE 14 HOURS IS TAKEN OUT ALIVE

Salida, Colo., Feb. 5.—The Mason baby, who was reported to have been killed in the snowslide last night, in which seven were killed, had a miraculous escape from death. He was buried under many feet of snow and broken house timbers for fourteen hours, but when found was lying in his bed unharmed. Near by were the bodies of his parents.

Clean Sweep of Employees

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 12.—Sixty-seven of the legislative employees out of a total of ninety-four have been summarily discharged by the chief clerks of the house and council, as the result of a joint caucus and a night session of the assembly last Friday. This is done to keep the pay roll within the limit of the \$15,000 appropriation authorized by congress for such purposes.

Don't Want Salton Sea Flow Stopped

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 6.—Asserting that the overflow of the Colorado river will produce an inland sea whose evaporation will materially affect the aridity of the vast area of dry lands in the west, a memorial to the president and congress was introduced in the state house of representatives.

It asks that the attempts to control the Colorado river be abandoned by the government.

Married in Santa Fe.

Miss Grace Gretchen Grygla of this city and George D. D. Fitzpatrick of Philadelphia were united in marriage at 6:45 o'clock Thursday evening, at the parsonage of the Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe, says the New Mexican.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is an examiner of surveys connected with the general land office of the federal government.

Miss Grygla is a daughter of Frank Grygla, special agent for the United States land office, with headquarters in Santa Fe.

The 2-cent-a-mile railroad bill passed the Missouri house by a vote of 99 to 1.

Have Passed The Appropriation Bill

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 8.—The council passed the appropriation bill over the governor's veto by a vote of 11 to 9.

FRIENDS OF OLD-TIME MINER SEARCHING FOR LOST MINE

About twelve or fourteen years ago, a prospector from the Mormon settlement near Sanford, Colorado, came to this district and began prospecting near where the beautiful Columbine empties its waters into Red River. Up one canon and then another he prospected the country north of the river and the second summer success crowned his efforts and by his persistent labor he disclosed to view a valuable large lead of quartz that carried high values of the precious metals as well as some copper and lead. He was elated over his rich find and the dreams of wealth that had from time to time disturbed his peaceful slumbers were soon to be realized. A beautiful home with all the comfort that money could buy would soon be his and those he loved most dear would ever live in comfort and pleasure.

Thel had was a strong one with well defined walls, everything connected with the property went to show that with but very little development, a bonanza was in store for its owner. He worked almost day and night until his provisions gave out and then boarded up his tunnel, returned to his home for another "grab stake." On reaching home he told a few of his friends of his rich strike he had made in the Red river country but gave little information of the location of the "bonanza" except stating it was north of the river near where the Columbine empties its waters into Red river.

Earthly riches were not for this prospector for just as he was making arrangements to return sickness overtook him and the grim sickle of death laid him low.

A number of his friends have time and again prospected the mountains and canons of that section but without success.

A few days ago Leroy Barnheart and Leroy Martin, friends of the dead prospector, arrived near the supposed mine and have again taken up the search and will spend five or six months prospecting in that section. It is understood that they have located a claim or two in that section that are looking very promising.

No Free Land About Deming

Deming, N. M., Feb. 8.—To show the phenomenal way in which the country around Deming is settled up, four months ago you could easily locate a claim within five miles of the city. At present you cannot for love or money locate one within thirteen miles. Homeseekers continue to pour in steadily, and there is no sign of a let-up.

Council Passes Some Measures

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 6.—The legislative council with only one dissenting vote, passed a bill changing the county seat of Torrance county from Estancia to Willard, and annexing Chilili and Escobosa precincts of Bernalillo county to Torrance county.

Bills introduced in the council were acts empowering incorporated municipalities to issue business licenses; to prohibit gambling, to enforce the Sunday law, to govern the taking of depositions for foreign jurisdictions, to prevent the marriage of Caucasians and negroes, and to govern public depositories.

PAY ROLL RESOLUTION PASSED OVER VETO

Bill Giving Commissioners the Power to fill County Vacan- cies Also Passes.—Other Legislation

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 8.—Mr. Studley of Colfax county introduced house bill No. 56, which provides that certain persons or religious sects who desire to observe another day as the Sabbath, shall not be punished for laboring on Sunday. This bill is aimed to exempt the Seventh Day Adventists, of whom there are a considerable number in Colfax county, and several of whom have been prosecuted for violating the Sunday law.

The house, at the afternoon session, also passed under suspension of the rules house bill No. 44, by Mr. Gallegos, an act providing for the appointment to vacancies in county offices, being similar to the Martinez bill passed by the council a few days ago.

Speaker Baca's bill for the construction of an electric light plant at the territorial penitentiary, passed the house this morning without opposition. The construction of such a plant has been recommended by the penitentiary commission, whose recommendations were included in the governor's message. The bill was

amended to change the appropriation from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and the bill then passed.

Among the bills introduced at the morning session were:

House bill No. 56, by Mr. Walters; an act fixing the time for holding terms of the district court for the first judicial district.

House bill No. 58, by Mr. Herrera, an act relative to bounties on wild animals.

House bill No. 59, by Mr. Studley; to amend section 2,340 of the compiled laws.

House bill No. 60, by Mr. Gallegos; an act to amend section 2,950 of the compiled laws.

House bill No. 61, by Mr. Gallegos; changing the boundary line between Quay and San Miguel counties.

House bill No. 62, by Mr. Ruppe, by request; an act to regulate corporations organized for mining, industrial and other pursuits.

After the receipt of the governor's message failing to approve the pay roll resolution, and the reference of the message to the judiciary committee, the house went into recess until 2 o'clock.

Introduced Bill to Re- peal Statehood Bill

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representative Murphy of Missouri today introduced a bill to repeal the act admitting Oklahoma to statehood on the ground that the constitutional convention of Oklahoma and Indian Territory had failed to comply with the conditions of the joint statehood act. The bill follows:

"Whereas, the constitutional convention of the proposed state of Oklahoma now in session at Guthrie, Okla., failed and refused after organization to adopt on behalf of the people of said proposed state the constitution of the United States as required by the act of congress;

"Whereas, By such failure the said convention is unauthorized to form a constitution and state government for said proposed state; and,

"Whereas, Said constitutional convention is attempting to evade the act

of congress by making a distinction in civil and political rights, owing to race and color; and

"Whereas, Said convention has squandered the people's money appropriated by congress in useless political bickering, thereby leaving no fund to hold an election for the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitution; and

"Whereas, The said convention has wholly disregarded and ignored the disbursing officer of the government as provided by congress; and

"Whereas, The said convention has demonstrated its unfitness and incapacity to frame a constitution for said proposed state; therefore, be it enacted:

"That the act entitled, 'An act to enable the people of Oklahoma and of the Indian Territory to form a state government, etc., approved June 16, 1906,' be and the same is hereby repealed."

Mexico Zinc will be Admitted Duty Free

New York, Feb. 7.—Both the silicate and carbonate of zinc should be admitted to the United States free of duty instead of being assessed at 20 per cent ad valorem, as held by the United States survey at Kansas City, under a decision announced yesterday by the board of general appraisers in this city. The board ruled that silicate and carbonate of zinc should be classified as calamine. In the same decision the board ruled that sulphide of zinc is not a metallic substance within the meaning of the law and that it also should come into the country free of duty as a crude mineral.

Large quantities of the ores in question are brought to this country from Mexico and the ruling is a big victory for miners in that country and a de-

feat for the zinc miners of Missouri, on whose contention the duty was put on.

Shippers have entered all such ores under protest, but have had to pay the duty and now they will get larger sums of rebate. This is particularly the case at El Paso, where large importations are made.

Texas Legislators Want Free Passes

Austin, Tex., Feb. 5.—W. H. O'Berne introduced a bill in the house today to require railroads to furnish all members of the legislature with free transportation over their respective lines during the term of office of the legislator. The bill was immediately reported favorably by the committee on common carriers.